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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON EMERGENCY
PETITION OF TRACFONE WIRELESS, INC. FOR AN ORDER DIRECTING USAC
TO ALTER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL VERIFIER TO
OPTIMIZE THE AUTOMATED AND MANUAL ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION
PROCESSES**

WC Docket Nos. 17-287, 11-42, 09-197

Comment Date: September 12, 2018

Reply Comment Date: September 27, 2018

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on the Emergency Petition of TracFone Wireless, Inc. for an Order Directing USAC to Alter the Implementation of the National Verifier to Optimize the Automated and Manual Eligibility Verification Processes.¹ Specifically, TracFone Wireless, Inc. (TracFone) requests that the Commission “direct USAC to expedite efforts to obtain access to key databases, or postpone including a state in a hard launch of the National Verifier until access to such key databases has been secured.”² In the alternative, TracFone requests that the Commission “direct USAC to accept documentation produced through third parties’ automated access to state databases as part of the Verifier’s manual process, including managed care organization (“MCO”) letterhead proof of Medicaid eligibility.”³

Interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the respective dates indicated above. Comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), or by filing paper copies.

- **Electronic Filers:** Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/>
- **Paper Filers:** Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission’s Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

¹ See Emergency Petition of TracFone Wireless, Inc. for an Order Directing USAC to Alter the Implementation of the National Verifier to Optimize the Automated and Manual Eligibility Verification Processes, WC Docket Nos. 17-287, 11-42, 09-197 (filed Aug. 9, 2018).

² *Id.* at iii.

³ *Id.* at 1-2.

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The proceeding this petition initiates shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.⁴ Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter's written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by rule 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (*e.g.*, .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

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⁴ 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*